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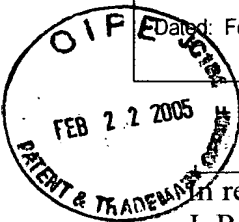
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In re Patent Application of:  
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Art Unit: 3751

For: POST VALVE HAVING A ONE PIECE  
VALVE BODY

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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.